

Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

DATE: July 5, 2013

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee
(This meeting rescheduled from 6/26/13)

In Attendance: Leon Davidoff, Clare Kindall, Ron Van Winkle, Rob Rowson, Mark McGovern, John Phillips

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Park Road – I-84 improvements

The Committee discussed the planned improvements to the I-84/Park Road exit. Residents have requested improved pedestrian crossings in this area. These improvements will be included in the reconstruction. In the meantime, signage will be installed to improve pedestrian safety.

2. Summer construction

The Committee discussed summer road construction including the milling and paving of Farmington Avenue from Main to Trout Brook, the reconstruction of Farmington from Trout Brook to Ardmore, The milling and paving of Boulevard in the area of the Metropolitan District Commission improvements, the milling and paving of North Main Street from Albany to Simsbury Road, improvements to the Oakwood Avenue I-84 bridge, Reconstruction of Arnoldale Road, future improvements to the North Main Street bridge at ASD, and the paving of the parking lots at Hall High School.

3. Solar Ordinance

The town is preparing a zoning ordinance amendment to allow solar installation to be a main use in the industrial zones and to be an accessory use in residential zones.

4. Public Works update

John Phillips discussed the FEMA application for the reimbursement of the costs associated with Storm Nemo. During the eligible period the town expended \$301,080 on snow removal and expects to receive \$225,810 in reimbursement from FEMA. Public Works will no longer be accepting porcelain at its recycling center as it is increasingly difficult to recycle. We will still pick up porcelain as bulky waste through a permit and pick up at the residence.

Recent heavy rains have resulted in a number of street sinkholes around the community. At this time 32 separate minor sink holes have occurred around the community. Sink holes are generally the failing of some underground utility. Before the sinkhole can be finally repaired the underground pipe needs to be investigated and repaired. That work is ongoing but it will take us some time to get to all of these openings.

5. Economic Development

The Committee discussed ongoing economic development activities.

6. Easement for 685 New Park Avenue

The town will be providing an underground easement across our land in the vicinity of 685 New Park Avenue so that property owner may connect his buildings to the sanitary sewer. The Council will be considering the easement at its next Council meeting.

7. Other business

No other business was discussed.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors
Karen List, Superintendent of Public Schools